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COMMENTS:

Dear Examiner Krishnan,

Attached is a draft of the amended claims and response we propose to file in response to the final office action for U.S. application no. 09/964,554. Please note that we have amended claim 1 and added new claim 21 to provide two options for overcoming the outstanding objections. Please review the proposed amendments and let us know if they will be sufficient to overcome the outstanding rejections. If they will be sufficient we will file a formal response and the extension of time request before tomorrow's deadline.

Thank you again for your assistance with this matter.

Yours truly, Patricia Power Reg. No. 51,379

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present letter is in response to the office action dated April 9, 2003. The Applicants are simultaneously filing a request for a three-month extension of time along with a supplemental information disclosure statement (IDS) containing the documents cited in this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.